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SUBJECT:REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION ON TARIFF TREATMENT OF LEATHER
WEARING APPAREL - TSUS 791.74

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1. MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY OFFICIALS REQUESTED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN CLARIFYING RECENT CHANGES IN TARIFF TREATMENT OF LEATHER WEARING APPAREL. PARAGRAPH 6 REFTEL REPORTED THAT PREVIOUS TSUS 791.75 CATEGORY HAS BEEN REPLACED BY TSUS 791.76 (WHICH REMAINS ON GSP LIST) AND 791.74, WHICH IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GSP. LATTER CATEGORY DEFINED AS "WEARING APPAREL NOT SPECIFICALLY PROVIDED FOR, OF LEATHER: IN PART OF TEXTILE MATERIALS THE AGGREGATE WEIGHT OF WHICH EXCEEDS THE WEIGHT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL NON-TEXTILE MATERIAL CONTAINED THEREIN".

2. APPARENTLY, THIS DEFINITION IS BEING USED TO EXCLUDE FROM GSP TREATMENT LEATHER GARMENTS WHOSE TEXTILE CONTENTS (RAYON LININGS, COTTON PARTS) WEIGHT LESS THAN THE LEATHER BUT MORE THAN THE BUTTONS ON THESE GARMENTS. IF SO, MINISTRY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THIS IS UNREASONABLE INTERPRETATION WHICH CAUSES INJURY TO ISRAEL.

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3. LEATHER WEARING APPAREL IS AN IMPORTANT EXPORT ITEM FOR ISRAEL. EXPORTS TO U.S. BENEFITTING FROM GSP IN 1976 TOTALED \$6.6 MILLION. UNDER PRESENT INTERPRETATION, MOST OF THESE EXPORTS WILL NOW PAY REGULAR DUTIES. MAJOR MANUFACTURER OF LEATHER WEARING APPAREL EXPLAINED HE COULD NOT SHIP HIS APPAREL WITHOUT

BUTTONS SINCE HE HAS NO FACILITIES IN U.S. FOR SEWING
ON BUTTONS HE STATED THAT DUTY WOULD PRODUCE A LOSS
ON HIS SALES TO U.S WITH POSSIBILITY OF CLOSING DOWN
BUSINESS AND LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR 1,000 WORKERS. GOI
WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BRING THIS PROBLEM UP IN ANY FUTURE
CONSULTATION ON GSP WITH USG.
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